

Kindly amend Claims 1 and 36 as follows:

1. (Five times amended) A moving image editing apparatus comprising:

converting means for converting encoded moving image data encoded by an encoding method that includes encoding using interframe correlation to an intraframe encoded moving image;

~~storing means for intraframe coding the decoded moving image data and storing the intraframe encoded image data;~~

editing means for decoding the image data which was stored in said storing means and intraframe encoded, and for performing an arbitrary editing on the decoded image data; and

coding means for coding the edited image data by [an] a moving image encoding method [that includes encoding using interframe correlation].

36. (Five times amended) A moving image editing method comprising the steps of:

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converting encoded moving image data encoded by an encoding method that includes encoding using interframe correlation to an intraframe encoded moving image;

intraframe encoding and storing the decoded moving image data;

decoding the stored and intraframe-encoded moving image data and performing an arbitrary editing on the decoded image data; and

encoding the edited image data by [an] a moving image encoding method [that includes encoding using the interframe correlation].

Kindly add Claims 53-61 as follows:

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-53. (New) An image processing method comprising the steps of:

decoding moving image data encoded in an MPEG system while not decoding all said moving image data, but decoding only the moving image data which includes a frame to be edited and following in intraframe-encoded frame;

storing the decoded moving image data;

outputting a low-resolution image according to the stored moving image data, to a monitor; and

selecting an image to be edited by using the low-resolution image output to the monitor.

54. (New) A method according to Claims 53, wherein the low-resolution image comprises an image of a low-frequency component in the moving image data.

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H 55. (New) A method according to Claims 53, wherein the editing comprises editing in a time base direction.

56. (New) A method according to Claims 53, wherein the editing includes a change in the number of frame images.

57. (New) A method according to Claims 53, wherein the editing comprises extraction of frame images.

58. (New) A method according to Claims 53, wherein the editing comprises insertion of frame images.

59. (New) A method according to Claims 53, wherein the moving image data is input from an external communication means.